

March 3, 2026



O Holy One,

in these days of heavy headlines and rising tensions surrounding Iran, when uncertainty weighs heavily on our hearts, we turn to You, not in fear, but in trust. For You are our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in troubled times.

We lift up in prayer our service men and women, especially those stationed in dangerous regions and those who may soon be deployed. Surround them with Your divine protection. Guard their minds from fear, their bodies from harm, and their spirits from despair.

Grant wisdom to commanders and national leaders as they make decisions that carry the weight of countless lives. Let clarity rise above confusion. Let restraint prevail over impulse. Let courage be tempered with compassion.

We pray for military families watching events unfold with anxious hearts, those who have already said goodbye, and those waiting to learn if they will need to soon. When uncertainty feels overwhelming, quiet their anxiety with Your presence. Sustain them with resilience, surround them with community, and remind them that they are not alone.

We pray not only for our own, but for all people caught in the shadow of conflict, for civilians in harm's way, for children who long for safety, for families on every side who yearn for peace.

Help us to break the cycle of escalation and cool the fires of hostility. Guide all nations away from destruction and toward understanding, reconciliation, and the pursuit of Your peace.

May it be so, through Your powerful and holy name, O God. Amen.

*-Rev. Shana Johnson
Conference Minister*



Global Ministries
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ

UCC and Disciples Joint Statement on the US-Israel attacks against Iran

March 2, 2026

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. – Isaiah 2:4

After weeks of heavy US military build-up alongside ongoing US-Iranian negotiations on Iran's weapons, the United States and Israel began a new unprovoked assault on Iran on Saturday. [READ](#)

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week...



St. John's UCC, Plum Hill-
Rev. Don Jones



St. Paul UCC, Pinckneyville
Rev. Jason (Petrice) Eisele

Retired Pastor-
Rev. Joan (John) Mier

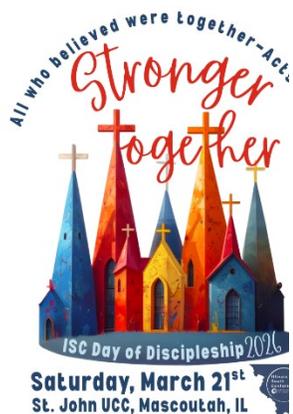
Rev. Lisa Hart- prayers for a swift and complete recovery following recent knee surgery.

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Rev. Allen Reiter on Sunday, March 1, 2026. Rev. Allen was a beloved pastor who faithfully served the Illinois South Conference and touched the lives of many throughout his ministry and made a lasting impact on our Conference. His wife Lynn and his family are grateful for your prayers and support at this time. Arrangements are pending. A conference wide email is forthcoming.

[Submit prayer requests here](#)

UCC Global, National, + Regional News

2026 ISC Day of Discipleship Registration closes THIS Friday, March 6th



STRONGER TOGETHER

All who believed were together and had all things in common

-Acts 2:44

Drawing inspiration from Acts 2, this year's Day of Discipleship serves as a profound reminder that, as disciples of faith, we are Stronger Together through sharing our distinctive talents, worshiping collectively, engaging in prayer and fellowship, song and Word. Workshop offerings will encompass a variety of areas, including worship, programming, leadership, and outreach. This shared journey in faith and community illustrates the remarkable power of unity and underscores how each of us contributes to uplift the Church.

JOIN TOGETHER...
Saturday, March 21, 2026
St. John UCC, Mascoutah

Don't wait to get registered! Register online via the QR Code or by clicking [HERE](#)
OR by completing and forwarding this fillable and printable [REGISTRATION FORM](#).

Registration will close *THIS* Friday, March 6th.



Schedule-

8:00 am to 8:45 am

9:00 am to 9:15 am

9:15 am to 9:45 am

-Break-

10:00 am to 11:00 am

11:00 am to Noon

Noon to 12:45 pm

12:45 pm to 1:00 pm

Check-in and Continental (light) breakfast

Opening Devotion

Introduction of Workshop Leaders and Workshops

Worship with Keynote Speaker, Rev. Dr. Jeff Moore

Lunch

Workshops

Gathering Back in the Sanctuary for Closing Time

Workshop Offerings-

- Strengthening Local Church Governance and Communication Practices
Rev. Dr. Jeff Moore, Senior Pastor, Webster Groves Christian Church
- Strengthening Youth Programming
Dr. Jill Mayer, Director of Christian Education and Faith Formation, and Andy Mayer, Youth Leader, St. Paul UCC, Waterloo
- Strengthening Outreach Through Community-Based Programs
Rev. Jennifer Sowell, Senior Pastor, and Amanda Voegelé, HHH Director, St. John UCC, Collinsville
- Strengthening Praise and Worship Through Contemporary Music
Evan Bosaw, Musical Director and Praise Band Leader, Friedens UCC, Troy
- Strengthening Creative Worship Through Liturgy and Poetry
Rev. Tim Powers-Reed, Pastor, and Eileen Hoag, Lay Leader, Trinity UCC, Belleville

Meet our Day of Discipleship Keynote Speaker - Rev. Dr. Jeff Moore

An ordained United Church of Christ Minister with partner status in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Jeff has been pastor of Webster Groves Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) since March of 2008. Jeff has a Bachelor of Science in Outdoor Leadership from Aurora University, Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Eden Theological Seminary, and a PhD from the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa. [Read full bio at iscucc.org](http://iscucc.org)



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports partners worldwide with ministries that fund health, education, and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response.

2026 Suggested Offering Date: March 15th

[Order Print Resources](#)

[Download Leader's Guide](#)

[Download Resource Bundle](#)



ISC Clergy Retreat April 28th - 29th 2026

2026 Clergy Retreat: Time Well Spent

"Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people, but as wise, making the most of time." --Ephesians 5:15-16a

The Local Church Ministries Team invites all Illinois South Conference clergy to gather at DuBois Center for a day of spiritual renewal and connection. The retreat will be led by Rev. Betsy Happel, a retired UCC pastor from the Missouri Mid-South Conference.

Dates: Tue, April 28th at noon to Wed, April 29th at noon
Day events with overnight options

Location: DuBois Center

Focus: Reflect upon how we intentionally and wisely use our time to make a lasting impact in our own lives and in the lives of those we serve. The retreat will include discussion, prayer, shared meals, optional group and individual activities, reading, rest, fellowship with colleagues, and time in God's creation.

Cost: \$55 for the day (this includes programming & meals)
\$115 for the day and overnight (this includes programming, meals, & lodging)

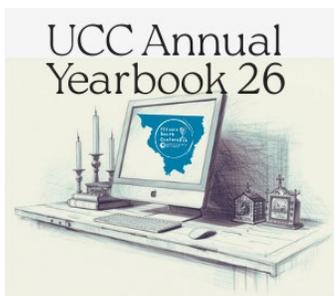
Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 14th

Follow the link to register

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/bvacjds>

Rev. Betsy Happel - ISC Clergy Retreat Leader

Betsy Happel (she/her) is a certified spiritual director who has been mentoring and encouraging others for over 30 years. Centering on the mantra, "Be yourself and the world you love will come to you," she enjoys accompanying seekers as they explore their passions and gifts, notice holy synchronicities around them, and journey through significant transitions of life. Betsy is certified in Spiritual Direction through the Haden Institute, and serves as a mentor in Haden's Spiritual Direction training program. She earned her MDiv degree from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis following twenty years in the human resources field. Before retiring from settled ministry in 2023, Betsy served as Pastor at Red Top Christian Church (DOC) in Hallsville, MO; and Kirkwood UCC in the St. Louis area.



UCC Database is open for Yearbook information entry

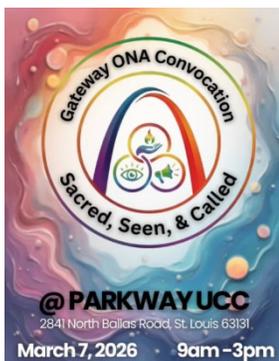
Emails with instructions for Yearbook Reporting were sent to the churches on Friday, January 23rd. We are so grateful for your efforts in helping us to keep records up to date. *Thank you!*

Questions- reach out to Debbie at dkesner@iscucc.org.



Climate Action Assembly Mar 4, 2026 12:00 PM CT

Climate Action Assemblies are a gathering place to share news, stories, and inspiration from across the life of the United Church of Christ as we work together for climate justice. [Register](#)



Gateway ONA Annual Convocation Saturday, March 7, 2026

Doors open at 8:00 AM and light breakfast food available; Worship will begin at 9:00 AM. Ending at 3:00 PM

Place: Parkway UCC on Ballas Road, St. Louis, MO

Theme: "ONA: Sacred, Seen, and Called"

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Derek Terry, Interim Executive Director of the Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ

[2025 General Synod - Derek Terry Full Speech](#)

Registration Link: <https://www.zeffy.com/.../open-and-affirming-annual...>

Any questions, contact Lorin Cope at buckeyeohio@hotmail.com or 314-772-4772



ISC Pride March Meeting

Our next ISC Pride meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm via Zoom**. During this gathering, we will be spending time discussing Rainbow Camp, which ISC Pride assists in organizing in partnership with the Illinois South Conference. With camp dates set for August 7–8, 2026 at the Dubois Center, this meeting will be an important opportunity for those interested in supporting, planning, and promoting this vibrant ministry to get involved. If possible, I would appreciate including the meeting date and time, along with a brief note that we will be focusing on Rainbow Camp planning and coordination. This is a meaningful collaboration between ISC Pride and the Conference, and we are eager to broaden engagement.

The next ISC Pride meeting will be held **March 15, 2025, at 7:00 pm** via Zoom. The meeting link can be received by contacting Rev. Tim Powers-Reed at illinitchr@gmail.com.



Upcoming Boundary Training for Active or Retired Authorized UCC Ministers

Next class is March 12th for Retired Clergy

Click [HERE](#) to view a listing of dates, times and registration links.



Eden Spring Convocation 2026

The Church needs prophetic imagination.
The world needs transformative leadership.
Join us **April 9–10** for Spring Convocation 2026 at Eden Theological Seminary — in person or online.
On Thursday, we gather for:

- Pre-Convocation Workshop: Church Planting & Growth in the Progressive Christian Movement

- Opening Reception
 - Worship honoring the life and legacy of Walter Brueggemann
- On Friday, we continue with:
- EBAA Breakfast
 - Keynote Address by Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney — A Womanist Imaginary
 - Global response from Rev. Dr. Allan Boesak
 - Panelists Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker, Rev. Dr. Raquel Lettsome, and Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould
 - Lunch and storytelling celebrating Walter Brueggemann
 - Closing session: Womanism Embodied Practice and the Prophetic Imagination

This is more than a convocation.

It is a call to re-imagine ministry.

It is a space to belong, to lead, and to thrive.

Be in the room where theological imagination meets faithful action.

Be part of the conversation shaping congregations, communities, and the world.

Registration is now open. Secure your place today!

<https://www.eden.edu/events/spring-convocation-2/>



UCC General Minister and President/CEO shares her reflections on Women's History Month

by [Staff Reports](#) | published on Mar 3, 2026

In a newly released video for March, the Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, United Church of Christ's General Minister and President/CEO offers reflections on why it is necessary to recognize the importance of women in the world and their accomplishments, especially on Women's Day and throughout Women's History Month.

Thompson said throughout history women have lived their lives in times of uncertainty and change, and continue to imagine a more just world for all. Watch the entire video message [HERE](#)



As the area of Disaster Spiritual Care grows, so does online training opportunities

by [Donna Jackson](#) | published on Mar 3, 2026

Providing spiritual care in times of disaster can be taxing on both the body and soul. A reason why the United Church of Christ's [Disaster Ministries](#), in collaboration with [Crisis Care Ministries](#) and several other organizations, including is Church World Service, are offering the ["2026 Disaster Emotional and Spiritual Care Academy."](#)

The academy features six weeks of free webinars, which start on Tuesday, March 24 and conclude on April 28. Each webinar streams live at 10 a.m. Central Time. Those interested in attending can click here to [register](#). Space is limited. The academy was designed to help ministers and lay leaders support their communities through a crisis, which can be caused by many varying events. [Read entire article](#)



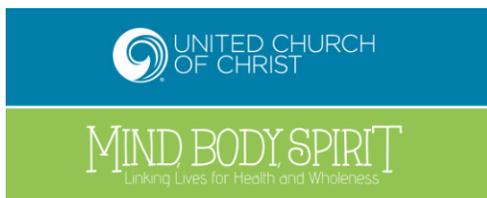
Reporters Roundtable: Protests, Speeches, Anniversaries and Partnerships

by [Charles Jefferson](#) | published on Mar 3, 2026

In this inaugural episode of UCC News' Reporters Roundtable, the reporters behind the headlines go in-depth on the stories that matter most to the United Church of Christ. This week, we dive into recent protests in Cleveland in response to ICE occupations across the country, discuss how a fourth grader gave a speech on his experience when ICE visited his school, share how Global Ministries is celebrating 30 years, and talk about how the UCC is partnering with Values in Action for its 250 Days of Kindness initiative.

[Read each reporter's story](#)

[Click to view video](#)



MIND, BODY, SPIRIT NEWSLETTER

March, Vol. 12, Issue 3

[Spiritual, Mental, and Physical Wellness are Justice Issues](#)

- [Reflection](#) - Remember Your Why
- [Wellness Ministries Focus](#) - Blessing Boxes and Food Sheds
- [Timely Resources](#) - Opportunities for Connection and Important Updates
- [Links To National Health and Wellness Educational Materials](#) - Plan Ahead for April
- [Items of Interest on the UCC Calendar](#) - March
- [Update From The Wellness Ministries Leadership Team](#) - It only takes 5 minutes.
- [Connecting and Supporting One Another](#) - Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn

UCC Wellness Ministries

Mission Statement

To inform and engage UCC congregations in ministries of health and healing for the benefit of each congregation and the community it serves.

Visit their [Website](#)

Click to [subscribe](#) to the [UCC Wellness Ministries Newsletter](#)

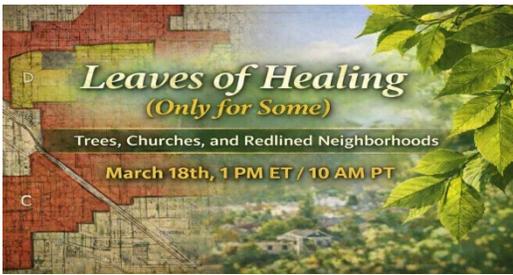


Future of Faith: Movement on the Margins

Mar 16, 2026 02:30 PM CT

We are living in the most divided times we've known collectively. Between fascism, genocide, war, famine, environmental collapse, and uncertainty about our relationships and what we are called to be in such a time – we find ourselves deepening or returning to our faith. Join the Heartland Conference Minister Rev. David Long-Higgins for an engaging conversation around the future of faith in their local and regional contexts and discover how we are

called to be generous, gracious, loving, and courageous during these times. [Register](#)



Leaves of Healing (Only for Some)

Mar 18, 2026 12:00 PM CT

Creation Justice Ministries has released a new downloadable resource for churches just in time for Earth Month. The new resource is entitled "The Canopy of Creation: Trees, Faith, and the Work of Justice." The resource invites us to consider the following truth: in many cities, tree canopy follows the same fault lines as historic redlining. [Register](#)



Global Ministries

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
and the United Church of Christ



Contribute to the emerging future of Global Ministries! Join an online roundtable conversation with Rev. Dr. Lisa Withrow to help shape a faithful, forward-looking strategic plan.

RSVP to LRwithrow@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link or to request the questions for submitting written reflections.

March 5 at 10:00 a.m. CT

Learn more at: <https://www.globalministries.org/global-ministries.../>

Global Ministries Job Openings:

-Global Engagement and Logistics Manager Global Ministries is seeking a dynamic and detail-oriented Global Engagement and Logistics Manager to oversee the administration of the People-to-People Pilgrimage program, coordinate interpretation for staff, mission co-workers, and international partners throughout the life of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ and provide logistical support for organizational events. [Download job description](#)

-Accounting Clerk The Accounting Clerk supports the financial operations of the organization by performing routine accounting tasks, maintaining accurate financial records, and assisting with reporting and compliance requirements. This position plays a vital role in ensuring the financial integrity and transparency expected of a nonprofit organization. **Location:** Indianapolis, Indiana **Status:** Exempt, Full-time (hybrid) [Download job description](#)

ISC Hunger Action Team - Facing Hunger in Your Community



The ISC Hunger Action Team would like to recognize ST. JOHN, MAEYSTOWN for their "BI-COUNTY BACKPACK PROJECT".

Providing food for 120 students in need residing in Waterloo, Valmeyer, Red Bud, and Prairie Du Rocher. Students who qualify for free school breakfast and lunch don't have access to these meals during weekends and spring break. Reminder: children need the proper nutrition for their learning, development, and growth. St. John members are invited to share nonperishable food items and cash donations to support this vital

mission project. Heartfelt thanks to St. John Mission Team's response to the words of Jesus "For I was hungry and you gave me food". (Mathew 25:35) Under the leadership of pastor and teacher, Rev. Patrick Poole. Neighbors helping neighbors!

By sharing your stories of being in service to others, you shine God's Light to all of us in the ISC and beyond! Click below...

[...share stories of fighting hunger in YOUR community.](#)



DuBois Center needs your TLC!
TWO Service Saturdays-
March 7th AND May 9th

Youth and adult fellowship groups, families, individuals, everyone is invited to lend a helping hand as we prepare our facilities for the busy spring and summer season. Projects vary, depending on the skills of workers and the weather, but a tired muscle or two and a great sense of satisfaction are guaranteed. There is wood to be stacked, leaves to be raked and buildings to be cleaned and painted. There are carpentry projects, as well as others requiring special skills. The work may not be glamorous, but it makes a BIG DIFFERENCE! We'll provide lunch, so please [RSVP here](#) so we can make sure we have enough food for everyone! Check out the links below for more information:

- [Typical Schedule and What to Bring](#)
- [Directions and Map to DuBois Center](#)

**Join us for our
 Father-Daughter Day**

**Saturday April 11th
 9am-4pm**



We'll have brunch, fun camp activities, and faith-time with Rev. Phil Barbier! We'll be exploring Matthew 7:7, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

For more information or to register: <https://duboiscenter.org/retreats/dbc-retreats/>

**DuBois Center
 Spring Events**

Join us at one of our spring events or retreats!
 Registration opens January 1st, 2026

- MARCH 7 Service Saturday**
 Everyone is invited to lend a helping hand as we prepare our facilities for the spring season. We'll provide lunch; RSVP at [duboiscenter.org/support-dubois/work-days/](#)
- MARCH 13-15 Women's Retreat**
 Get the girls together or come on your own and make new friends! This retreat is all about relaxation and self-reflection! Choose a short getaway (Fri-Sat) or a longer stay (Fri-Sun).
- APRIL 11 Father-Daughter Day**
 Dads and Daughters - spend the day at DuBois Center! Enjoy camp fun - one on one: brunch, horses, crafts, canoeing and worship!
- APRIL 24-26 Father-Son Retreat**
 Join us for our annual Father-Son Retreat. Boating, horses, archery, fishing, games and plenty of guy time! Fathers, sons, grandfathers, uncles, nephews are welcome!
- MAY 9 Ride Day**
 Sign up for a ride time that fits your schedule best!
 10:30 am: Arena Ride for ages 3-7 with parent walking alongside. \$18 per child.
 1:00-2:30, 4:00: Trail Ride for ages 8+ \$30 per rider.
- MAY 9 Service Saturday**
 Everyone is invited to lend a helping hand as we prepare our facilities for the summer season. We'll provide lunch; please RSVP at [duboiscenter.org/support-dubois/work-days/](#)

For information or to register,
 visit duboiscenter.org/retreats/dbc-retreats.

NOTE: RETREATS MAY BE CANCELLED IF FEWER THAN 15 PEOPLE REGISTER.

**~2026~
 DuBois Center
 Spring Events**

REGISTRATION OPEN !

[More Info Here](#)



MORE than just another SUMMER JOB!

Energetic, child-focused, fun-loving with a heart for ministry – sound like you or someone you know? Consider whether an amazing summer at DuBois Center might be the opportunity you have been looking for. We are looking for dedicated individuals ages 18+ to be cabin counselors/activity leaders! FAITH. FUN. HARD WORK. GREAT FRIENDS. LONG HOURS. AMAZING MEMORIES. Gain practical experience, build your resume and make a difference in the lives of hundreds of kids! Job descriptions and application packets are available at duboiscenter.org/summer-camp-staff/. Season runs May 26 – July 24. Questions? Contact us at director@DuBoisCenter.org or 618-787-2202

Summer Camp Registration 2026

For more info on summer camp sessions: <https://duboiscenter.org/summer-camps/>

To

register: <https://cwngui.campwise.com/apps/onlinereg/pages/Index.html?AppID=DuBoisCtr!d8b2c5&LocCde=CA0000&CustRes=Customer/DuBois>

Here's the Summer Camp Schedule updated Tuesday, March 3rd!



2026 Summer Camp Schedule Updates

Camps are filling up quickly!
Register soon at [DuBoisCenter.org](https://duboiscenter.org)

The grade listed next to each camp is the grade campers will have completed as of Summer 2026

	Main Camp	Rustic Village
June 14-16	Discovery (1st-3rd) <i>GIRLS: Almost Full</i>	
	Settler (3rd-5th) <i>ALL: Full</i>	
June 14-19	LIT Camp (11th-12th) Leadership in Training	Horse Play (5th-7th) Outback (7th-9th)
June 17-19	Camp Quest (1st-3rd)	
	Settler (3rd-5th)	
June 21-26	Art Explosion (5th-8th) Base Camp (6th-8th) <i>GIRLS: Almost Full</i>	Splash (5th-7th) Saddle 'Em Up (7th-9th)
June 24-26		Rustic Sampler (4th-6th)
June 28-30	Just You & Me <i>ALL: Full</i> (Adult & Child ages 5-8)	
July 5-10	High School Week on Rustic (9th-12 th grades)	Drenched <i>GIRLS: Almost Full</i> Wrangler <i>GIRLS: Almost Full</i> X-Plore <i>GIRLS: Almost Full</i>
July 12-14	Discovery (1st-3rd) <i>ALL: Full</i>	
		<i>BOYS: Full</i>
July 12-17	Settler (3rd-5th) <i>ALL: Full</i>	Trekkin' It (5-7) <i>GIRLS: Almost Full</i> Giddy Up (6-8) <i>GIRLS: Full</i> Dunk'd (7-9) <i>BOYS: Almost Full</i> <i>GIRLS: Almost Full</i>
July 15-17	Quest (1st-3rd) <i>GIRLS Full</i>	
July 20-22	Just You & Me (Adult & Child ages 5-8)	
August 7-8	Rainbow Camp (all ages)	

DuBois Center is the Camp & Retreat Center of the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Council for Health and Human Services Ministry News



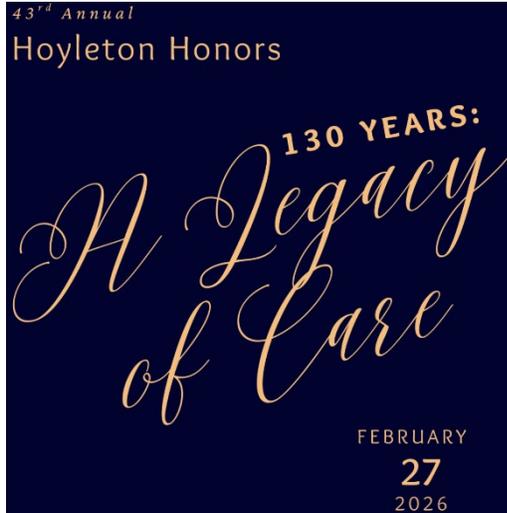
Sustaining the Leaders Who Sustain the Mission

This month, Jamar Doyle, CHHSM president and CEO, focuses on something that sits at the center of long-term sustainability yet is often the hardest to prioritize: the well-being and resilience of leaders and caregivers themselves. [Read](#)



Hitz Memorial Home Stone Garden Project

Learn how to purchase an engraved brick or tile to help create and expand a beautiful, permanent stone garden on the grounds of Hitz Memorial Home which will serve as a lasting tribute. [Hitz Stone Garden Project Info](#)



"We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make the 2026 Hoyleton Honors such a meaningful and memorable evening. The event was a true celebration of community, compassion, and the

mission that drives our work every day at Hoyleton Youth and Family Services. A HUGE thank you to our generous sponsors whose commitment made this event possible. Your support directly impacts the children, youth, and families we serve, and we could not do this work without you. Thank you for standing with us. We're already looking ahead with gratitude and excitement for what's next."



MARCH 24-26, 2026
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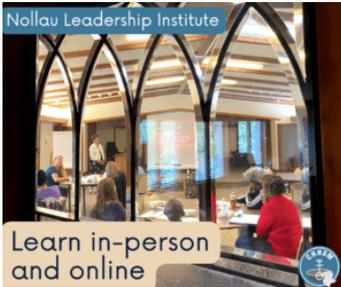
The Gathering: Many Gifts, One Spirit

The Gathering 2026: Many Gifts, One Spirit is the perfect opportunity to network with peers. Haven't registered? [Register today](#) for The Gathering.

The Gathering offers our members an opportunity to connect in person for fellowship and learning. Meet up at our networking receptions and special events and explore Indianapolis together during the Dine Around event. [View the full schedule](#) to plan your own time, including the [keynote speakers](#).

Haven't registered? The time is now, so [reserve your spot](#). Then, secure your room at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis, Ind. The discounted room block closes after **March 1**. [Learn more on the Logistics page](#) about the hotel and The Gathering event app.

Continuing education credits are available! [Learn more about our workshop sessions and continuing education credits](#).



Nollau Institute Class of 2026-27

The Council for Health & Human Service Ministries (CHHSM)

1st Retreat: May 18-22, 2026

2nd Retreat: October 5-9, 2026

CHHSM Annual Gathering: March 15-19, 2027

Enrollment is currently open for the next class of the Nollau Leadership Institute. CHHSM's signature health and human service leadership program has graduated some 300-plus participants as Diakonal Ministers in the past 20 years.

Details:

The program consists of two in-person retreats at Bellwether Farm, online interactions in between the retreats, and an additional day of programming at the 2027 CHHSM Annual

Gathering, which includes the commissioning of the class as [Diakonal Ministers](#).

2026-27 Schedule:

1st Retreat: May 18-22, 2026

2nd Retreat: October 5-9, 2026

CHHSM Annual Gathering: March 15-19, 2027

Location Information:

Retreat Center: [Bellwether Farm](#), 4655 SR-60, Wakeman, OH 44889

Annual Gathering: Location to be announced in March 2026.

[Read more](#)



CAREGIVER COFFEE TALK

Are you caring for a loved one with memory loss or another disability? Join us for support, information, and strategies.

EVERY
MONDAY
9-10:30 A.M.

VERONA COFFEE CO.
101 E. Main, Collinsville



stjohnscc.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 Add fulfillment to your life.
 Come join our team helping aging and disabled adults. We are in need of:

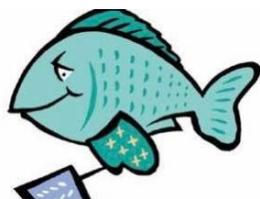
- Receptionists
- Program Assistants - help with games/crafts
- Craft Assistants

You choose a time, we'll find a place.

If interested, please call
 St. John's Community Care
 618-344-5008

St. John's Community Care Volunteers Needed!

St. John's CC is in great need of volunteers to serve as receptionists, program assistants, and/or to assist with craft activities, and craft clean-up. Call 618-344-5008 to volunteer!



St. Peter UCC Red Bud Fish Fry

February 27th and March 13, 4-7pm.

Indoor Dine-in or Carry-Out. Cod, Catfish, Shrimp, and Chicken Strips plus sides.

Call 618-282-2417 for carry-outs.

415 Madison St., Red Bud, IL 62278



Christ UCC Dupo Wurstmarkt

Sunday, March 15th 11:30 am - 3:00 pm while supplies last \$15/plate,

Kids ages 5-11 \$6

Carry-out or Dine-in: outdoor seating available. 220 S. 3rd St., Dupo, IL



CHICKEN DINNER



Immanuel UCC Hamel Chicken Dinner

Sunday, March 22 11:30am - 4:30pm Carry-Out only. The menu is included on the [flyer](#), along with mention of the Quilt Raffle with 2nd prize a TV, and 3rd prize a \$50 gift card. We will also have a basket raffle this year again. Something for everyone!! 5838 Staunton Rd, Edwardsville, IL 618-633-2277



Are you interested in Pulpit Supply?

Reach out via email to the
ISC Committee
on Ministry Co-chairs.

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